

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaims the week of March 1, 2008, as

## Weights and Measures Week

Whereas, The Weights and Measures Program, part of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Laboratory Division, serves to meet the public need of standard weights and measures in the state of Michigan; and,

Whereas, The employees of the Weights and Measures Program are responsible for ensuring that all weighing and measuring devices used in commerce are accurate in both their design and operation; and,

Whereas, Weights and measures activities have an estimated economic impact of over \$170 billion in Michigan annually; and,

Whereas, This year's theme "Michigan Weights and Measures – Balancing the Marketplace" recognizes Michigan as one of the eight original states partnering together in 1905 to begin establishing nationwide uniform weights and measures requirements that promote a competitive, fair marketplace and serve to strengthen Michigan's diverse economy; and,

Whereas, Each year the first week in March is set aside to commemorate the enactment of our nation's first Weights and Measures law in 1799 and to increase public awareness of the importance of this law; and now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of March 1, 2008, as Weights and Measures Week in Michigan in conjunction with the national celebration of the 209<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's first Weights and Measures law and the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Michigan's co-founding of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

Jennifer M. Granholm Governor